APPENDIX.

[Vide answer to starred question No. 283-A asked by Sri K. Vinayakam, Sri V. K. Kothandaraman, Sri N. K. Palanisami and Sri N. R. Thiagarajan at the meeting of the Legislative Assembly held on 10th September 1959, page 248 supra.]

(a) The total expenditure incurred is Rs. 68,749·42 (rupees sixty-eight thousand seven hundred and forty-nine and naye paise forty-two only). The expenditure towards payment of travelling allowance and daily allowance to Members alone comes to Rupees 55,192·19 (rupees fifty-five thousand one hundred and ninety-two and naye paise nineteen only), as per details given below :—

	RS.
Travelling allowance paid to Members of Assembly	14,186·37
Daily allowance paid to Members of Assembly.	30,735·00
Travelling allowance paid to Members of Council	4,233·82
Daily allowance paid to Members of Council.	6,037·00
Total ...	55,192·19

(b) Rs. 46,829·21 (rupees forty-six thousand eight hundred and twenty-nine and naye paise twenty-one only). The expenditure towards payment of travelling and daily allowances to Members alone would have approximately come to Rs. 39,216·23 (rupees thirty-nine thousand two hundred and sixteen and naye paise twenty-three only) as per details given below :—

	RS.
Travelling allowance paid to Members of the Assembly	12,098·18
Daily allowance paid to Members of the Assembly	20,480·00
Travelling allowance paid to Members of the Council	2,813·05
Daily allowance paid to Members of the Council.	3,825·00
Total ...	39,216·23

The expenditure that would have been incurred in Madras for the same period has been worked out on the basis that the same Members who attended the meeting at Ootacamund, attend the meeting at Madras also.

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The extra cost involved in holding the session of the Legislature at Ootacamund is Rs. 21,920·21 (rupees twenty-one thousand nine hundred and twenty and naye paise twenty-one only). This is partly due to fifty per cent increase in the daily allowance given to Members at Ootacamund, and this increase comes to about Rs. 12,500.

(*c*) (1) The session of the Legislature at Ootacamund has helped in a way to regain the importance of the Hill Station which was badly in need of official support during the past three years. There has been an influx of visitors from all parts of the country. It has also given an impetus to the tourist traffic on the Nilgiris. The visitors had an opportunity to come in contact with the Members and to witness the Legislature while in session. The local public have evinced much interest in the proceedings of the Legislature and thronged to the Arranmore Palace in such large numbers that admission to galleries had to be regulated in batches once in every twenty minutes to the bitter disappointment of many of them for want of space to accommodate all the visitors.

(2) Further one of the most striking features was that there was a record attendance of Members, namely, 170 Members for the Assembly and 48 for the Council in spite of certain inconveniences in regard to transport, accommodation and boarding arrangements. Members of the Legislature had an opportunity to study on the spot and appreciate the various problems confronting the hill station, by coming into closer contact with the people of the Nilgiris.

Besides the Legislative programme, visits to certain places of interest in and around Ootacamund such as Pykara Power House, Kundah Hydel Project, Cinchona Plantations at Naduvattam, Mudumalai Wild Life Sanctuary and cultural shows were arranged for the benefit of Members. The Members who visited Singara where the Pykara Power Station is located had really a thrilling experience when they were going ten thousand feet down in a trolley from Glenmorgan. They were also enabled to visit the Kundah Hydel Project—the biggest project in the Madras State and in the South East Asia—for the utilisation of all the Hydro Electric potential available in the Kundah basin in the Nilgiris by constructing three power stations. The Members also walked through the tunnel linking the Emerald and Avalanche dams. This will greatly help them in evolving some development schemes for this Hill Station with a view to make it one of the best Hill Stations in India.